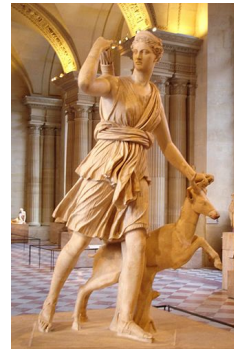


Rev. 2:1-7 study guide

Church of Ephesus

The history

- The city of Ephesus was the biggest City in _____ it was a modern day _____
- It was major highway in two ways. First it was a major sea port it was a huge area of trade and its coast line was filled with docks and ships bringing in food and goods to this region. It also was a major Highway to Rome.
- Because of where it was it also was known as the _____ Highway because so many Christians on there where to be killed for their belief came through the city on the way to Rome.
- It was a also a major religious city. But the bigger dominate religion there was the worship of Diana. The Goddess of the hunt, childbirth and some other fertility beliefs. The priestess were prostitutes so sexual immorality was rampant as a result of this.
- It was a _____ which means it was self-governed because of loyalty to Rome.
- Who ministered here? _____ for _____ it was near a dear to him he did a lot of work here and had several close friends there.



What was right?

1. _____ - It is a continuing thing whether physically or through prayer even for us today.
2. _____ - in Light of the persecution of that time and also the daily temptations of the city.
3. They have tested and removed the _____. These were teachers, Jews that sought to entangle the church in legalism, and even those who beg for a living.

How did they learn to test this?

Acts 20:29

Matthew 7:15-20

What was wrong? V4.

- Lost _____ - Means either _____ of the begging of the church or it refers more likely to the _____ because of the constant critique of doctrine.

What to do? V5

1. Remember- _____, or _____
2. Repent- Turn away from this disconnection and pettiness
3. Return- to the way you once were

If not then I will remove your light. Can The light or message of Christ be extinguished in a church? _____

Who were the Nicolatouns

- Greek name meaning Nicolaus the founder of the movement = "Nikan"- to conquer "Laos"- the people. Which is what it sought to do through false teaching. Balaam another group coming

from Balaam who lead Israel astray into relationships with Moab. Oddly enough that name in Hebrew meant “Bela” conquer and “Ha’am” the people. Just like Balaam the Nicolatouns believed you could be Christian yet you could give into the free market practices.

- To sell or trade in that empire you once a year had to make a sacrifice, drink to, and eat the meat sacrificed to the idol. If you didn’t people would not buy from you or trade with you. This endangered your _____.
- As a result the teaching of these two groups was you can be a Christian and still conform to the ways of the world. Neither _____ or _____ taught this. That’s why Jesus hates these groups.